

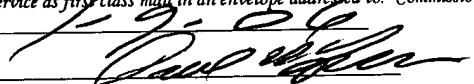


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: D.E. Sisk
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Cover for a Tanker

GAU: 3617
EXAMINER: R.J. McCarry, Jr.
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicant herein appeals from the examiner's final rejection dated August 8, 2005.

The examiner, in the final rejection, rejected claims 1-15, but only under §112. An Amendment C was filed in the Patent Office on December 7, 2005. An extension fee covering the filing of the amendment during the second extended month was filed in the Patent Office on December 28, 2005. That fee was in the amount of \$450.00, for a large entity.

Since we have not heard from the Patent Office since filing of the Amendment C, the Notice of Appeal is being filed herein, during the second month, in order to maintain the existence of this application.

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Hopefully when the examiner reviews the Amendment C, the §112 problems will be overcome, the application will be allowed, which will obviate any further work upon this appeal.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$500.00 covering the cost for this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,


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